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OF TEXAS, 1906**

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OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF TEXAS

As adopted in mass meeting at Dallas, Texas, August 14, 1906, and by Referendum "B" 1906.

The Socialist Party of Texas, in mass meeting assembled, reaffirms its allegiance to the principles of International Socialism and endorses the platform of the Socialist Party of the United States, which declares that "Socialism means that all those things upon which the people in common depend shall by the people in common be owned and administered. It means that the tools of employment shall belong to their creators and users; that all production shall be for the direct use of the producers; that the making of goods for profit shall come to an end; that we shall all be workers and that opportunities shall be open and equal to all men."

Under the present system society is divided into two classes; the rich and the poor, the capitalist class and the working class. The one toils without enjoying, the other enjoys without toiling. In the wage earners of our towns and cities and the farmer we recognize the types of the producing elements of the country. Under the prevailing economic system, both are exploited for the benefit of the capitalist class, the laborer on the sale of his labor power and the farmer on the sale of his products. Both are again exploited in the purchase of the necessities of life.

The Socialist Party declares its aim to be the abolition of the capitalist system and the establishment of the co-operative commonwealth. For this purpose we seek to organize the producing class of city and country into a political party to gain control of the powers of government.

Trusts and monopolies are the logical results of our present economic system and modern labor-saving machinery is dealing death blows to production on a small scale, practically wiping out competition with combination and rendering monopoly a necessary condition in production on a large scale, thus making vital the question of the hour, "Shall the nation own the trusts, or shall the trusts own the nation?"

Private monopoly is the curse and blight of our nation today, as evidenced by the coal trust making untold millions out of the sufferings of the toilers, and the insatiable greed of the oil trust in the ruin of innumerable competitors and small dealers in open defiance to all laws of justice, while the graves being filled by the victims of the diseased

and poisonous products of the meat trust: a greater in number than that of modern wars, and similar charges have been brought against all other trusts.

Our State and National legislators have become the mere agencies of great proprietary interests. These interests control the appointments and decisions of the judges of our courts. They have come into what is practically a private ownership of all the forces and functions of government. They are gradually invading and restricting the right of the workers to a voice and vote in public affairs. By enacting new, and misinterpreting old laws, they are preparing to attack the liberty of the individual even to speak or think for himself, or for the common good. As a long step in this direction we point to the so-called "Terrell election law," and the poll tax amendment of the State.

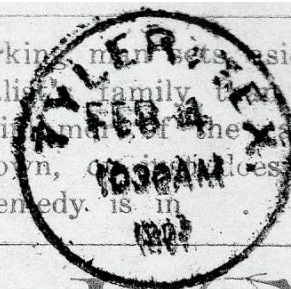
To the end that the workers may be strengthened in their struggle to gain complete control of the powers of government, and thereby establish the co-operative commonwealth, the Socialist party of Texas pledges itself to watch and work in both the economic and political struggle for each successive immediate interest of the working class, for shortened days of labor and increased wages; for the insurance of the workers against accident, sickness and lack of employment; for pensions for aged and exhausted workers; for the public ownership of all the means of transportation, communication and exchange; for the complete education of children and their freedom from the workshop; for free administration of justice; for popular government, including the initiative, referendum, proportional representation, equal suffrage for men and women, municipal home rule, and the recall of officers by their constituents; for the repeal of the poll tax and for every gain or advantage to the workers that may be wrested from the capitalist system and that may relieve the suffering and strengthen the hands of labor.

To this end we pledge ourselves, as the party of the working class, to use all political power, as fast as it shall be entrusted to us by our fellow workers, both for their immediate interests and for their ultimate and complete emancipation.

In accordance with the decisions of the International Socialist Congress, this meeting reaffirms the declaration that the trade and labor unions are a necessity in the struggle to aid in emancipating the working class, and we consider it the duty of all wage earners to join these movements.

Return in Ten Days to
W. J. BELL,
State Secretary Socialist Party
Tyler, Texas.

The average American working man has to
more to support some capitalist family than to
support his own. Does he think of the cap-
italist's family than his own, or doesn't
know he is doing it? The remedy is in



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\$435 is the average amount annually contributed by every worker in the manufacturing industries of the country to the fund for supporting a few parasites and their families in luxurious extravagance. You do not believe that workingmen do such things. It does seem unbelievable, but the government official who gathered the manufacturing statistics for our last census (Part 1 page 3), says it is so. Morgan had 96,551 people boarding and clothing themselves and each giving him \$1.20 a day. Are you sure you are not one of them? Better investigate.

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